

# WHITNEY ESTATE UNPAID.

## MILLIONS WORTH OF PERSONAL PROPERTY OVERLOOKED.

President of the Tax Board Cannot Explain the Omission but Hastens to Levy \$10,000,000 Assessment on the Estate—Assessments Are Also on the Heirs.

For some reason which Lawson Purdy, the new president of the Tax Commission, said yesterday he had so far been unable to ascertain no assessment has hitherto been placed on the personal property of the estate of William C. Whitney, although Mr. Whitney died in February, 1901. While the will was probated in Nassau county Mr. Whitney's personal property in this city was of great value, as was well known and why the commission as it was made up in 1905 and last year failed to make an assessment against the estate is something that is puzzling Mr. Purdy. He said yesterday that the only way he could account for the omission was that it was the result of an oversight.

Mr. Purdy, however, has hastened to make up for that oversight. Examinations of the documents relating to the Whitney estate filed with the officials of Nassau county has led him to order a tentative personal assessment on the Whitney estate of \$10,000,000. Further than that, the members of Mr. Whitney's family who escaped personal taxation last year have also been assessed. Harry Payne Whitney has been assessed on \$1,750,000 personally of his own and on \$4,000,000 on the testamentary guardianship of Dorothy Whitney. Payne Whitney is assessed on \$250,000, while Bertie Randolph and Adelaide Randolph, the children of Mr. Whitney's second wife, are also assessed at \$250,000 each.

Mr. Purdy admitted yesterday that while the estate of Russell Sage had been assessed for the purposes of personal taxation at \$50,000,000 there was no prospect of holding the tentative assessment. He pointed out that within the last few weeks, according to information which had come to him, at least \$10,000,000 of the estate left by Mr. Sage had been invested in mortgages and other securities which were not taxable as personal property. He added that there was no doubt that the estate was made up largely of other similar securities which could not be taxed and expressed the opinion that the city would be extremely lucky if it succeeded in holding even half of the tentative personal assessment.

In view of the fact that for three years prior to his death Mr. Sage paid a personal tax on only a \$2,000,000 assessment Mr. Purdy was asked if it should be proved that the personal property left by Mr. Sage was far beyond that value, would any effort be made to recover further payments from the estate.

"I am not prepared to say until I have looked up the law whether we have the power to make back assessments," Mr. Purdy answered. "And even if there is such a provision I am not prepared to say that it will be carried out in the case of the Sage estate. If there is such a law I think that it must have been made for the benefit of the up-State estates."

In proceeding to declare that in his opinion the existing system of personal taxation needed reforming Mr. Purdy made this statement:

"The whole trouble lies in the fact that New York city is not allowed to deal with its own tax problem. So long as the city is under the dominion of the State, or so long as the up-State courtmen legislate the affairs of the city and apply rules affecting their own rural districts to the situation here, there will never be any betterment of the system. I repeat that the present system of personal taxation is hopeless. The dead men are caught. The live ones escape. It has always been so with this system."

The trouble comes with the system of assessment and collection, and not with the enforcement of the law. Everything considered, the tax law is enforced about as well as it possibly could be. Under our present system I doubt if any of our very rich men can legally be taxed on any personal property. We put them down at about what we think they ought to pay, and they can get out of it by swearing off as much as they please."

### TOO EASY WITH FILIPINOS.

One of Them Says the Commission Is Developing Spoiled Children.

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun.

MANILA, Jan. 15.—Crisostomo, a Filipino, who was formerly treasurer of Bulacan, in speaking at a banquet given in honor of Governor-General Smith at Malolos, declared that the liberal policy of the Philippines Commission is debauching the Filipinos. His weekly and benevolent attitude, he said, is producing spoiled children. Señor Crisostomo went on to say that he did not indulge every whim of provincial orators. More backbone is needed in the insular administration. The recent suspension of the land tax was a failure. The Filipinos do not appreciate leniency, and the roads, bridges and provincial improvements are now neglected.

"Agitators beging for favors obtain the ears of the commission, falsely representing the masses. God knows what would happen to the Filipinos if their independence were given to them and they continued to show their present cowardly spirit."

The speech created a sensation, given as it was after two Filipinos had just spoken, begging for concessions and pessimistically portraying the situation.

Shortly after the arrival at San Fernando, Luzon, of Governor-General Smith in the course of his tour of the northern islands a fire broke out and swept the business section of the town, which is a place of about 4,000 inhabitants. The Governor-General organized a bucket brigade and by that means saved the provincial school building.

### RAILROAD FOR TIBET.

Chinese Government Prepares to Open Territory to Commerce.

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun.

SHANGHAI, Jan. 15.—The Imperial authorities at Peking have ordered the viceroy of the province of Szechuan, the western boundary of which is Tibet, to consult with the Chinese resident there and raise the necessary funds for the construction of a railway from Szechuan into Tibet. It has been decided to open Tibetan towns to foreign trade.

### ASSASSIN AN OFFICIAL'S SON.

Man Who Killed Von der Launitz Identified—Shook for Russian Court.

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 15.—The assassin of the Prefect of Police, Gen. von der Launitz, has been identified as the son of a prominent personage connected with the Government and a member of an aristocratic family.

The identification, which was finally established to-day, has caused a commotion in the inner circles of the Government.

### Met for Student of the Moon.

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun.

LONDON, Jan. 14.—The Royal Astronomical Society has awarded a gold medal to Ernest W. Brown, professor of mathematics at Haverford College, in recognition of his researches into the lunar theory.

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BISHOPS IN PLENARY COUNCIL APPOINT COMMITTEES.

Letter From the Pope Read—Courtiers Will Carry Reports of Proceedings to Rome Daily, as Government Controls Telegram Lines—Newspapers to Be Censored.

PARIS, Jan. 15.—In the Chateau de la Muette, the chateau where Marie Antoinette passed her first happy hours, claiming of France, nearly eighty dignitaries of the Catholic Church began yesterday what is called the third plenary council. While from the viewpoint of real news this well named chateau preserved the full significance of its designation, there issued from it a magnificent chorus of religious devotion as the prelates chanted the "Veni Creator."

A crowd of curious people assembled outside were impressed by this traditional song of devotion. The crowd saw the members of the council arrive in automobiles, in carriages and on foot. Sometimes they were accompanied by their hosts in Paris, but only the prelates were admitted, with some secretaries, and it is announced that until Friday at least the chateau's walls will be as mute as their names.

Beyond the publication of the order for the council little has been permitted to transpire, save that the council referred the chief questions before it to four committees. The first committee will consider projects of worship, the second the support of the clergy and the third and fourth general clerical organization.

The *Petit Parisien* says it learns that Mr. Dadolet, head of the council's papal staff, to which the bishops listened standing.

The bishops intend to form diocesan sub-committees in every city to assist direct and collateral help in obtaining the reversion of funds left to the church for special purposes, such as the saying of masses.

Count de Franqueville wished to provide a room for the use of journalists during the assembly, but Cardinal Richard wished otherwise.

The *Journal*, in its account of the proceedings, says the bishops decided to continue public worship without using the guarantees offered by the new law. Lay associations, however, can be authorized if they do not trench in any way upon the curies' absolute rights as regards worship.

Cardinal Richard, Archbishop of Paris, was not present in the morning, but he attended in the afternoon.

It is rumored that a courier will depart daily by way of the Belgian frontier to forward a report to Rome of each day's doings of the council. This is done rather than trust the telegraph system of France, which is under the absolute control of the government, all messages being subject to censorship. Even where censorship is not exercised, the government may through its control of the lines, inform itself of what is going on. In the case of cipher despatches it can hold them up altogether if it is unable to decipher them. Despatches can be mutilated or stopped at the pleasure of the government.

PARIS, Jan. 15.—A proposition was made by Deputy Flaudin to-day looking to a modification of the law of 1881, and the Chamber referred it to a special commission. The proposition is to make all public meetings, except those held in the streets, independent of public authorization, thus rendering it unnecessary to make application to the authorities for permission to hold church meetings.

The question of the support of aged priests also came up in the Chamber and gave rise to much discussion. M. Briand, Minister of Public Instruction, said they would have pensions as under the law of 1905. A side issue to this debate arose a discussion of the question of private or public worship. Abbé Jules Lemire, who is one of the representatives of the Département du Nord, declared unequivocally for the continuance of public worship. He said that after all the Church had lost she could not now, after her glorious history, consent to replace her magnificent cathedrals with insignificant chapels.

This legislative discussion is concurrent with a rumor published by an anti-Church organ that the Council of Bishops will not under any circumstances advocate private worship lest the nominal adherents of the Church fail to attend services at all if they should be held under private organization, thus throwing the burden of church support on a smaller number of devotees.

ROME, Jan. 15.—The correspondent of The Sun is informed by a high Vatican dignitary that the Pope has sent no instructions to the French Bishops, he being convinced that their views tally with his own. Furthermore, the main object of the meeting of the Bishops is to organize worship, and complete independence of action has been given them in this matter. The recent visit of the Bishop of Dijon to Rome was simply to report on the situation in France. He conveyed no Papal instructions when he returned.

### The Weather.

The storm moving off the Nova Scotia coast was causing rain or snow yesterday over the Lake regions, the middle Mississippi and Ohio valleys, the northern part of the middle Atlantic States and New England.

Rain fell also in Texas and snow in Missouri and Kansas.

A storm central over Utah was the cause of some scattered rain in the extreme Southwest and snow in the extreme Northwest; elsewhere the weather was generally fair.

There was a high pressure area over the upper Mississippi Valley, bringing with it a cold wave which reached the Ohio Valley, the lower Lake regions and northern Texas. Zero reached south of Wyoming and Nebraska, and was recorded from Washington eastward over Lake Superior.

At Havre, Mo., 42 degrees below was registered. In this city fell until about noon, clearing and colder in the afternoon; wind from north-west; average humidity 87 per cent.; barometer, corrected to sea level, at 8 A. M., 30.02; 3 P. M., 30.04.

The temperature yesterday as recorded by the official thermometer is shown in the annexed table:

WASHINGTON FORECAST FOR TO-DAY AND TO-MORROW

For eastern New York, New Jersey, eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware, partly cloudy and colder to-day; partly cloudy to-morrow; light north to north-east winds.

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\$25.00	At	\$12.50
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Black Lynx Furs		
\$30.00	Pillow Muffs	at \$18.00
\$38.00	Pillow Muffs	at \$24.00
\$37.50	Throw Scarfs, 72 inch	at \$23.50

Blue Lynx Furs		
\$25.00	Pillow Muffs	at \$17.50
\$37.50	Pillow Muffs	at \$25.00
\$20.00	Throw Scarfs (50 inch)	at \$13.50
\$35.00	Throw Scarfs (62 inch)	at \$22.50
\$35.00	Shawls	at \$22.50

Sable Fox Furs		
\$15.00	Muffs (flat model)	at \$7.50
\$25.00	Muffs (flat model)	at \$12.50
\$15.00	Scarfs (58 inch)	at \$7.50
\$10.00	Scarfs (1 skin)	at \$5.00

Ermine Furs		
\$35.00	At	\$24.50
\$45.00	Muffs	At \$32.50
\$65.00	At	\$42.50
\$75.00	At	\$50.00
\$22.50	Cravats	At \$15.00
\$30.00	and	At \$20.00
\$40.00	Throw	At \$27.50
\$50.00	Scarfs	At \$32.50

Chinchilla Furs		
\$60.00	At	\$35.00
\$75.00	Muffs	At \$45.00
\$85.00	At	\$55.00
\$95.00	At	\$65.00
\$35.00	At	\$20.00
\$40.00	At	\$25.00
\$50.00	At	\$30.00
\$60.00	At	\$35.00
\$65.00	Shaped	At \$40.00
\$75.00	and	At \$50.00
\$90.00	Throw	At \$60.00
\$110.00	Scarfs	At \$75.00

Natural Russian Sable Furs		
\$1,500.00	Sable and Muff	at \$950.00
\$1,200.00	Sable and Muff	at \$750.00
\$650.00	Sable and Muff	at \$425.00
\$550.00	Sable and Muff	at \$375.00
\$450.00	Sable and Muff	at \$295.00
\$350.00	Sable and Muff	at \$225.00

Natural Hudson Bay Sables		
Muffs:		
Value \$275.00	(5 skins),	at \$175.00
Value \$225.00	(6 skins),	at \$160.00
Value \$220.00	(4 skins),	at \$150.00
Value \$165.00	(5 skins),	at \$110.00
Value \$125.00	(3 skins),	at \$85.00
Value \$100.00	(4 skins),	at \$65.00

Blended Hudson Bay Sables		
Value \$275.00	(8 skins),	at \$175.00
Value \$165.00	(6 skins),	at \$110.00
Value \$150.00	(8 skins),	at \$95.00
Value \$125.00	(4 skins),	at \$85.00
Value \$100.00	(3 skins),	at \$65.00
Value \$75.00	(2 skins),	at \$48.00
Value \$50.00	(1 skin),	at \$35.00

Blended Hudson Bay Sables		
\$90.00	Muffs, flat model.	At \$58.00
\$100.00	Muffs, flat model.	At \$68.00
\$110.00	Muffs, flat model.	At \$75.00
\$60.00	Scarfs.	At \$38.00
\$75.00	Scarfs.	At \$45.00
\$95.00	Scarfs.	At \$60.00
\$125.00	Scarfs.	At \$78.00
\$150.00	Scarfs.	At \$95.00

Blended Baum Marten Furs		
\$90.00	At	\$58.00
\$100.00	Muffs	At \$68.00
\$110.00	At	\$75.00
\$60.00	At	\$37.50
\$75.00	Scarfs	At \$48.00
\$100.00	At	\$65.00

Blended Japanese Marten Furs		
\$48.00	At	\$32.50
\$60.00	Muffs	At \$37.50
\$65.00	At	\$42.50
\$18.00	At	\$12.00
\$30.00	At	\$18.50
\$45.00	Scarfs	At \$29.50
\$60.00	At	\$38.00
\$85.00	At	\$55.00

White Fox Furs		
\$45.00	Pillow Muffs	at \$27.50
\$45.00	Scarfs (76 inch)	at \$27.50

Natural and Eastern Mink Furs		
\$150.00	Pillow Muffs	at \$95.00
\$125.00	Pillow Muffs	at \$85.00
\$85.00	Pillow Muffs	at \$55.00
\$60.00	Pillow Muffs	at \$37.50
\$90.00	Pillow Muffs	at \$58.00
\$400.00	Mink Sets	at \$295.00

Large square muff of eight dark eastern skins with two heads, tails and paws, and drop-skin scarf with six heads, tails, paws.		
\$165.00	At	\$110.00
\$110.00	At	\$75.00
\$90.00	At	\$58.00
\$75.00	Cravats,	At \$48.00
\$65.00	Ties and	At \$42.50
\$50.00	Throw Scarfs	At \$32.50
\$40.00	At	\$27.50
\$38.00	At	\$24.50
\$30.00	At	\$19.50

The Fur Garments		
Mink Coats		
\$375.00	Eton Model	At \$295.00
\$975.00	Box Model	At \$745.00

Russian Pony Skin Coats		
\$85.00	Eton Model	at \$65.00
\$110.00	Eton Model	at \$75.00
\$165.00	Eton Model	at \$95.00
\$110.00	22-inch Model	at \$65.00
\$115.00	22-inch Model	at \$75.00
\$85.00	22-inch Model	at \$58.00
\$59.00	22-inch Model	at \$48.00
\$95.00	30-inch Model	at \$75.00
\$110.00	36-inch Model	at \$85.00
\$190.00	45-inch Model	at \$145.00

Broadtail and Persian Coats		
\$240.00	Eton Model	at \$175.00
\$245.00	Bolero Model	at \$175.00
\$275.00	Semi-fitted Model	at \$195.00
\$300.00	Semi-fitted Model	at \$225.00
\$395.00	Semi-fitted Model	at \$275.00

Black Caracul Coats		
\$175.00	Box Model.	At \$125.00
\$190.00	Box Model.	At \$145.00

Sable Squirrel Coats		
\$65.00	Semi-fitted Model.	At \$32.50